

PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-02000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | | | |
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| Joseph C. CAUTHEN | Group Art Unit: 3738 | | |
| Application No.: 10/075,615 |) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay | | |
| Filed: February 15, 2002 |)) | | |
| For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT | Confirmation No.: 2841 | | |

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of June 3, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$490.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | | ditional Fee |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|----|-----------------|
| Total | 21 | - | 22 | 0 | x \$ 18 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Indep. | 1 | - | 3 | 0 | x \$ 88 | | 0.00 |
| ☐ First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$300 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | \$ | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Reduction by ½ if small entity | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | \$ | 0.00 | | | | | |

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| \boxtimes | A fee of \$180.00 | to cover Information | Disclosure | Statement fe | e is enclosed. |
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A check for \$670.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: December 2, 2004

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Tram Anh T. Nguyen

Reg. No. 47,257